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Fig. 4 illustrates an embodiment of a method of interfacing between a gatekeeper and an intelligent peripheral. Fig. 4 illustrates the invented gatekeeper-to-intelligent-peripheral interfacing method preferably implemented in accordance with the invention. At 100, gatekeeper 14 is configured as a supplemental services provider (SSP) under the H.323 and H.450.x standards. At 102, IVR 16a is configured as an intelligent peripheral under the same standard. At 104, requests are conveyed from gatekeeper 14 to IVR 16a over voice frame network 12 in accordance with a defined protocol, e.g. the protocol described above or a suitable alternative. At 106, responses to the requests are conveyed from IVR 16a to gatekeeper 14 over voice frame network 12 in accordance also with a defined protocol, as described and illustrated herein. For example, IVR 16a may return any of the standard operation return result, return error or reject transaction responses under International standard H.450.x.